

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1351

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A RESOLUTION relative to banning oil and gas imports from Russia as a sanction against its invasion of Ukraine.

WHEREAS, Russia's heinous, unprovoked invasion of Ukraine has brought calamity to the Ukrainian people and threatened the peace and security of Europe; and

WHEREAS, Western nations, including the United States, have imposed all-encompassing sanctions against Russia in the face of this blatant warmongering, but for some inexplicable reason, the Biden administration has yet to halt oil and gas imports from Russia, with the Secretary of State stating that there is "no strategic interest" in doing so; and

WHEREAS, Russia has been accurately described as "a gas station masquerading as a country," and oil almost singlehandedly drives the Russian economy; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. imports more petroleum from Russia than it does from Saudi Arabia, and thus banning such imports could cripple the Russian economy and prevent Russia from waging horrific warfare against civilian targets; and

WHEREAS, Republicans and Democrats alike in the U.S. Congress have called upon President Biden to ban Russian oil and gas imports, and one Senator has introduced legislation to require such ban; and

WHEREAS, if the U.S. continues to purchase oil and gas from Russia, this nation is, in effect, helping to finance Russia's immoral and illegal war on Ukraine; this state of affairs cannot stand; and

WHEREAS, the time is now for the U.S. to ban oil and gas imports from Russia in solidarity with Ukraine, Europe, and the cause of democracy worldwide; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we urge and encourage President Biden to immediately halt all Russian oil and gas imports to the U.S. as an appropriate and effective sanction against Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States; the Speaker and the Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives; the President and the Secretary of the U.S. Senate; and each member of Tennessee's Congressional delegation.